(c) the amount of grant-in-aid sought for and released to the State during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government have received a proposal from M.S. Ramaiah Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore for Panchkarma/Kshar Sutra therapy of Ayurveda. The proposal is incomplete and has not been endorsed by the State Government.

(c) The applicant has sought grant-in-aid of Rs. 22 lakhs. However, no amount has been released.

HIV positive pregnant women

543. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Karnataka has most HIV positive pregnant women in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated number of pregnant women infected with HIV in the State;

(c) the amount provided by Government to the State during 2003-04 to take up AIDS prevention programmes;

(d) whether Bill Gates Foundation has sanctioned any amount to the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The state of Karnataka is one of the six high prevalence states (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu) in the country. As per the HIV sentinel surveillance data collected in year 2002 the prevalence rate among pregnant women in the state of Karnataka, attending Anti-natal clinic was found to be 1.75%. The estimated number of women infected with HIV in the State is 21,000.

(c) An amount of Rs. 12.25 crores has been approved by Government to the state to take up AIDS Prevention Programmes during

2003-04. The State Government has provided Rs. 100.00 Lakhs for establishing 40 Voluntary Counseling and Testing and Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centers at taluk level.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 115.00 crores has been approved by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for implementing AIDS prevention programmes in 15 Districts of the State over a period of 5 years. However, the funds are yet to be received.

Hazards posed by imported condoms

544. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of hazards posed by imported condoms;

(b) if so, the details of fake condoms sold by chemists/druggists during the last one year;

(c) whether several units are manufacturing these fake condoms with foreign brands printed on them and are circulating for sale in Delhi; and

(d) if so, whether any raids have been conducted on the manufacturers of these fake condoms, and if not, the reasons therefor?

(e) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) As per information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, their Drugs Control Department had, on the basis of intelligence report, raided a premises in Rohini, New Delhi. One person was found engaged in packing of condom strips in pouches and catch cover on machines installed at the premises. He did not have the license required under the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. The prosecution has already been launched by Drugs Inspector (I.O.) in the court of Metropolitan Magistrate, Tis Hazari, Delhi.

Baby stealing incidents in Hospitals

545. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that newly born babies are being stolen from Government hospitals frequently during the last one year;